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'EARTH MOTHER' SUBSTITUTES FOR VENUS

Another sculpture of modernistic art has been offered to Salem for consideration under the will of the late Carroll Moores as a memorial to the early Oregon pioneers for which he left some \$35,000 in trust. The creator is Spanish born Manuel Izquierdo who is a protegee of Architect Pietro Belluschi whose previous selection for the Moores' memorial, Renoir's Venus Victorieuse, a nude fat lady, was rejected by the people of Salem. Izquierdo's plaster model now in the Portland museum is 6 1/2 feet high, woman with a pin-like head and a goose neck and holds in her massive arms a baby according to the photograph. The Oregonian quotes the sculptor as saying: "It is hard for me to describe my idea in words," he explained. "That's why I made the sculpture, you see." He visualizes the mother as "the earth, or as something very large. The child then is something small that will develop and grow. The protective shawl is to demonstrate the protective feeling of the mother for her child—the courage of the mother toward saving her child from harm." The idea of the mother carrying the child "is much closer to human sentiments than if the father had been holding it," Izquierdo explained. To the eyes of the average layman, who hasn't the artistic "visualization," the "Earth Mother" is a ridiculous, crude caricature without even such artistic merits as Venus may possess, the rejection was her unfitness as an Oregon symbol. She never was designed for that. The ghost of Carroll Moores, if it still haunts the earth, must be exceedingly troubled and wonder why no real effort is being made to fulfill his bequest and how many gargoyles of decadent art will be volunteered to ridicule the pioneers and make the bequest a travesty. The popular rejection of the "Earth Mother" will be even more emphatic than it was of Renoir's Venus. The people echo the battle cry of General Anthony McAuliffe to the Nazi commander's demand for surrender at the Battle of the Bulge, "Nuts to you."—G. P.

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THE NEW PENAL INSTITUTION

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GETTING MORE FOR OUR MONEY

Encouraging note for the suffering taxpayer: All seven bids on the 12.16-mile grading job on the Portland-Salem expressway, opened Friday by the State Highway Commission, were below the engineers' estimates and the low bid of \$860,694.50 was far below the \$1,015,045 the state had estimated the job would cost. There has been no reduction in labor costs, and this is principally a labor job, so the contractors must be sharpening their pencils, trimming the profit margins, possibly close to the vanishing point, for the highway department is an old hand at estimating costs. This is good news to the taxpayers, who are going to get more roads for their money from now on if this trend continues. Incidentally this highway project is making a splendid progress. It is now expected that it will be completed and open to travel from a point on the Pacific highway near Hubbard by July 1954, almost a year in advance of the original estimates. This partial completion will give the motorist a saving of four of the five miles to be saved between here and Portland when the entire project is opened in 1955.

Candidate Neuberger?

Astorian-Budget It appears more and more likely that State Sen. Richard Neuberger will be a Democratic senatorial candidate next year, seeking the post now held by Republican Sen. Guy Cordon. Columnist Drew Pearson put the question right up to Neuberger with a column reporting a conversation with Sen. Wayne Morse in which the latter is supposed to have urged Neuberger to run. Neuberger, queried by Portland newspapers for a statement, said he would announce his intentions in February. Neuberger has been acting like a candidate lately. He has been a busy speechmaker, all over Oregon. The Portlander would be a potent candidate. He is his party's best known individual in the state, and veteran politicians say that being well known is half the battle. His

senate activities at Salem, plus his newspaper and magazine writings, have made him familiar to people all through Oregon. Neuberger has positive and emphatic views and his attitude on most issues is well known to the citizens. In voting for him, they would know well what they were voting for. Neuberger has his hand-caps. His strong opinions and his constant needling have helped make him anathema to the Republicans, who would work perhaps harder against him than against another candidate. He has a faction in his own party which dislikes him.

VOLUNTEER TRAFFIC COP Los Angeles (AP)—Municipal Judge Gerald G. Keeple suggested that William Monte, 43, apply for a job with the police department if he enjoys directing traffic. Monte was given a five-day jail sentence after pleading guilty to being drunk and directing traffic at an intersection, waving a wine bottle known as half the battle. His



ANOTHER CHRISTMAS LIST

TRAFFIC DEATH ROLL Christmas Season '53

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND Ike's Plan for 'A' Swap Could Be Break for Britain

By DREW PEARSON Washington — Grumpy Winston Churchill groused and grumbled backstage over Ike's atomic-energy speech, because it emphasized Bermuda do-nothingness. But actually the speech should be a great break for England. . . . What England needs most is cheap power. Her coal, once the backbone of British factories, is getting low. Iranian oil has been taken away. But cheap atomic power could revolutionize British industry. . . . England and U. S. A. were ready to swap atomic secrets again, just before the Harry D. White expose broke. This made Ike shy away from it. (Bad political reaction.) However, if Russia turns down the atomic-energy pool—as expected—the United States and England can go full-steam ahead. . . . Australia, France, Belgium and South Africa would also be included in an atomic pool of raw material and scientific information operating just as the automobile companies swap new patents. Lanky, publicity-minded C. D. Jackson, the White House psychological expert, master-minded the U. N. atomic energy speech. The speech was written and rewritten so many times, Jackson described it privately as a "mice nest"—nothing much left of it but tatters. . . . He argued first that it must be delivered, second that it must be delivered dramatically, so the entire world would listen. Hence the idea of cutting short the Bermuda conference and the brilliant idea of flying direct to New York. . . . This also served to cover up the futility of the Bermuda meeting which Ike never wanted in the first place and which was held only "to please Winston." . . . Churchill finally accepted the atomic speech only after Anthony Eden insisted. To please Winston, Eisenhower toned down portions referring to H-bomb damage in Europe, or rather he let Churchill tone it down. Both Churchill and Premier Joseph Laniel called attention to the fact that American atomic cannon were already in Europe and there was no use scaring Western allies with too many headlines on the Holocaust of hydrogen warfare.

Arm and School Buses White House advisers are walking on eggs since the New Jersey supreme court handed down its decision that the protestant St. James Bible could not be distributed in schools even when parents request in writing that their children have it. The court ruled that this infringed on the separation of church and state. Reason for White House skittishness is what happened across the Potomac river at Fort Myer, Va., recently. There, the commanding officer, Col. Donald Galloway, has been using government-owned and -operated buses to transport Catholic children to local parochial schools. About 100 Catholic children of army officers and enlisted men at Fort Myer have been transported daily across the river to Catholic schools in Washington, or to Arlington, Va. However, defense department moves, plus belief that no one religious group should benefit from the use of federal money to the exclusion of others, caused an order that the bus service be stopped. The order to Colonel Galloway came from the Pentagon. Within a matter of hours, the White House stepped in, countermanded the Pentagon's orders. Colonel Galloway was told to continue the transportation of Catholic children. Importance of the incident lies in the fact that the army was preparing to cancel all bus transportation for Catholic schools at all army posts, partly for economy, also in accord with earlier court rulings for separation of church and state. The New Jersey court ruling that a Protestant Bible cannot even be distributed in schools where parents request it has heightened the issue. The army is passing all queries on to the White House. Warren vs. Segregation Those watching the vital supreme court debate over segregation figure that the death of Chief Justice Vinson and the appointment of Earl Warren may possibly spell the difference one way or the other. Chief Justice Warren's record as governor of California shows that he is likely to vote against school segregation. In San Bernardino, Calif., when a Catholic priest of Mexican ancestry was barred from a public park, Governor Warren acted promptly. Writing to U. S. Appeals Court Judge William Denham, he said: "I do not see how we can carry out the spirit of the United Nations if we deny fundamental rights to our Latin-American neighbors." Warren also appointed a Negro, Walter Gordon, as chairman of the vitally important California parole board. Warren had played football on the (Continued on Page 5, Column 1)

Salem 26 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL December 12, 1927 Seattle-Alaska steamer North-western had grounded on the British Columbia coast to become a total wreck. Passengers to the number of 112 had been rescued. Residents of North Salem had vigorously opposed the erection of a garbage incinerator in that locality. Amity high school students had the pleasure of seeing an airplane land on their ball grounds. The landing had been accomplished to the ruination of the back-stop and damage to the plane. Kafoury Brothers were featuring a store sale that had rayon bloomers, a regular \$1.49 grade, in pink, maize and black for \$1. Hiram U. Ely, Salem contractor and builder for 40 years, had died. Ely had built the Minto building, the Steuseloff building, two Bishop buildings and the Willamette sanitarium. He had charge of remodeling Reed's opera house when that building was converted into mercantile usage around 1900. A memorial to Earl Kilpatrick, Red Cross reconstruction director who had been killed while directing Mississippi flood relief, had been designed for Columbus, Kentucky. Kilpatrick was principal of Salem high school in 1913. Dr. B. Blatchford, Fred A. Erixon and George F. Vick had been nominated for the presidency of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. GOT SELF ARRESTED Washington (AP)—Fred Weems, 53, told police he deliberately got himself arrested for vagrancy so he could get in on the jail's annual Christmas feast of turkey and all the trimmings. Judge Leonard P. Walsh sentenced him yesterday to stay in jail until Dec. 24, the day before Christmas.

OPEN FORUM Who Can Now Doubt Fluoridation Benefit?

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THE FIRESIDE PULPIT This Man Thinks Success Or Failure Whim of Fate

By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church A friend of mine believes that he has the key to success or failure. He says that if fate decrees that one be born with a silver spoon in his mouth, or perchance a rich relative dies and leaves him a fortune, or just that "the Lord smiles on him," he is in luck and success will be his. He says that it matters not how he cuts the cards, he will win the hand if fate so decrees. He is prepared to cite several examples to strengthen his theory. This man has the same idea in regard to spiritual success as he has to material success. He compares religion to a slot-machine. "When you pray," he says, "You don't get results every time any more than you get results every time you play the 'one-armed bandit.'" Results, success or failure, are determined by the decree of fate or God, so he says. Using a slot-machine to illustrate religious phenomena sounded blasphemous to me, but the sincerity of the man made it seem at least tolerable in his case. My friend's thinking of religion in terms of a gambling device perhaps reflected a lack of deep-rooted reverence for sacred things which earlier religious training would have engendered. And it also revealed somewhat, his present habits and associations. After all, it is easier for us to express ourselves in familiar terms and phrases of everyday usage when talking about religion. As far as my friend is concerned, his earnestness and sincerity revealed his desire to find some way to solve the problem of an evident emptiness in his soul. Of course I did not chide him for his slot-machine comparison. What he needed was encouragement and definite help. And so it is with all people who feel like the young ruler in the Gospel felt when he approached Our Lord, telling Him of his wealth and power and asked Him, "What lack I yet?"

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

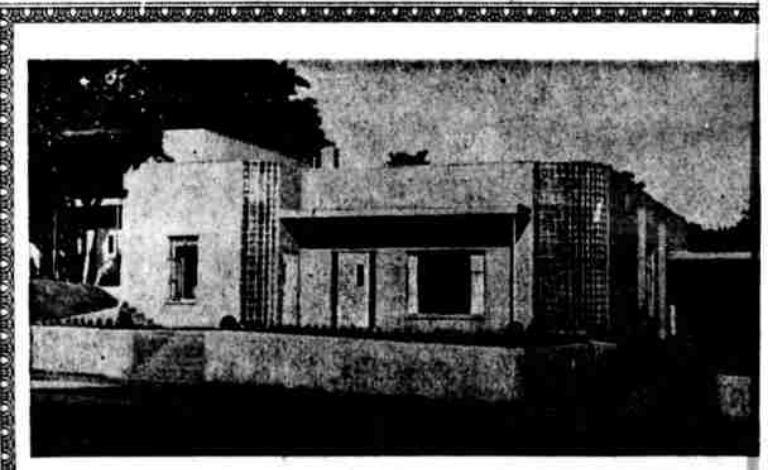
Mother-in-Law's Advice Brings Success and Wealth By HAL BOYLE New York (AP)—Never disdain the advice of your mother-in-law. Gerry Coughlan, a stranger in a strange land, took a tip from his wife's mother — and it started him on the way to business success. "It was a good thing I listened to her," recalled Coughlan, who parlayed his Irish accent, his elbow grease, and \$4,000 of borrowed money into a two-million-dollar-a-year business in household chemicals. Coughlan, president of the East-Aid Co., and one of the world's top sports fishermen, is among America's leading spokesmen for small business. He thinks the big frog in the small puddle not only has fun, but is also smarter, than the little frog in the big pond. At 18 he sailed around the world as a British merchant marine cadet. He then joined the Irish army, rose to the rank of captain, and then was demoted to lieutenant when "the trouble" with England ended in Eire's freedom. "I was the Irish army's all-around athletic champion," Coughlan said, "but the army was full of comparatively young colonels and generals, and I couldn't see where the hell a young lieutenant could go in it — so I got out, and started a physical culture school." Gerry, a star middle distance runner, competed in the 1928 Olympics, then came to America in 1932 to help manage the 3-man Irish Olympic team. He promptly fell in love with a New Jersey girl, and decided to settle in America. "But what should I do?" he asked his bride's mother, who was laboriously slicing green beans in her kitchen. "Make something to slice beans," she said. Coughlan took her at her word. He borrowed \$4,000, then with the help of a machinist designed a kitchen tool to stem, string and slice green beans, put a small factory to work making the tools — and set out in a car himself to sell them. "I traveled 85,000 miles the first year," he said. "It was 1933, the depression was on, and a lot of people were jumping out windows. But nobody had told me it was the custom to meet a depression by jumping out a window. "In Ireland hard times were nothing new. So I just kept traveling and talking. I expected a customer to say no, so whenever one said yes, it was a surprise — sometimes to both of us." Coughlan added new kitchen items to his line, systematically began advertising it. When the second World War cut off his supply of metals, he switched to household chemicals and developed a soot-removing compound, a sliver dip cleaner, an oven cleaner, a house de-humidifier, a solvent to keep paint brushes from hardening. He still hits the road six months a year, but has found time to win the outstanding angling achievement award of the Miami metropolitan fishing tournament five years in a row. Coughlan believes business success depends more on "ability to deal with personalities than with figures, and that is why everybody in our executive set up has to get out on the road part of the time and sell. "Anybody in a successful small business is more capable than a man in a similar position in a large corporation. He has to be a better all-around man to survive, because he has to be able to fill several jobs. "In a big corporation they specialize. They have to win in a committee to get a window closed." Coughlan feels young college graduates who choose the security of a job with a large corporation rather than the bigger gamble and adventure of a career in small business are turning their backs on real opportunity. "Any young man can make a real success of a small business in this country," he said, "if he has guts, enthusiasm, common sense and the competitive spirit — and isn't looking for a handout." WM. H. HIBI Salem.

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Thinks Oregon Un-Harsh in Liquor Control To the Editor: I am a newcomer in the midwestern town which I came and off someone brought into for drunken disorderly conduct for which I am sentenced fine. So I am inclined to post myself in the law regarding here. I have a friend who lived here many years, will relate his experience the law as he told it. He informed me that are now two state stores in Salem and in place where hard liquor sold. So the state has no monopoly in the liquor which makes it very able. This is his experience: dropped into the state store, bought a quart of key, took a drink, got in car and started home. It that a state highway man saw him take the into his car and jumped a motorcycle and crag with him, smelled his (which is enough, according to law to brand him as a breaker) and ordered him drive to the city jail where he was held until he could a friend to come with bail demanded for his \$7. He was ordered to appear court at a future date, realized that the cards stacked against him, so he felt his bail, which probably expected, made in the nature of a fine to swell the liquor profits state. The whole procedure to have been according to but so different from that of any other state in which he have lived, and I have in several, that I feel it is of comment. WM. H. HIBI Salem.